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 2. Underground Ammunition Plant at Velvety  
 3. Supply of Czech Gas to East Germany  
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1. A control commission of the Ministry of National Defense recently visited the former WWII German underground military plant Richard near Litomerice (N51/P53). This factory, centered southwest of the village of Pokratice, consists of several large underground halls which extend southwest under the slopes of Radobyl hill. It was built under the Nazi occupation in the former Richard pit by Jewish slave labor from the Terezin concentration camp. Source heard from the local population that the factory is fully equipped with machinery but production has not been started there yet. Although Source walked from Litomerice to Zalhostice, further on to Zerno-seky and all around Radobyl hill, he did not see any signs of another underground factory in this area, nor any loading ramps on the banks of the river Labe. Source, however, thinks it possible that the Richard plant extends underground as far as Zalhostice and that it might be connected by a tunnel with the banks of the river.

2. [redacted] the underground ammunition plant at Velvety (N51/P34) was seeking maintenance workers (údržbové). The plant is working to full capacity in three shifts, employing 300 civilian workers per shift apart from an unknown number of military personnel. The workers get high wages and are issued two pints of milk per day. However, they cannot work there longer than one year at a stretch, after which they need several months rest before they can take up their work again. There are regular monthly compulsory medical check-ups. After some time in the factory the hair of the workers turns red.

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[redacted] on 9 February 1954 [redacted] 195 men and women entering the factory premises between 0658 and 0725 hours. Fifty-two of them came on a bus [redacted] Among them was an Air Force lieutenant. The plant was guarded by troops of the Interior Guard who wore purple-violet shoulder boards with blue piping. At 0840 hours on the same day a three-ton truck [redacted] loaded with very fine

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...oke. drove into the plant. At 0928 hours another three-ton truck,  
covered with tarpaulin, also drove in.

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1. The Teplice Lazne (N51/F34) gas works are supplying gas to East Germany. The pipe line goes from Teplice to Jirikov near Varnsdorf (O51/F87) where there is a gas regulating station.

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